

city of saint paul
planning commission resolution
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Initiation of Central Corridor Station Area Planning

WHEREAS, Mayor Coleman asked the Planning Commission to establish two community-based task forces to prepare a *Central Corridor Development Strategy*, which is a vision and strategy for how University Avenue and the downtown area should grow and change in response to the planned investment in the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit (LRT) line; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Coleman asked the Planning Commission to establish a community Steering Committee to prepare seven *Station Area Plans* for Westgate, Raymond, Fairview, Snelling, Lexington, Dale, and Rice;

WHEREAS, the task forces and steering committee have completed their work, and the City has adopted both the *Central Corridor Development Strategy* as a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the seven University Avenue *Station Area Plans* as addenda to the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*; and

WHEREAS, the *Central Corridor Development Strategy* provides a solid foundation for the more detailed planning that is needed around proposed future station areas; and

WHEREAS, the *Central Corridor Development Strategy* recommends station area planning as a next step to further plan for desired development along the Central Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is in the Advanced Preliminary Engineering phase for Central Corridor LRT, and will begin Final Design work in 2009; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to complete a substantial portion of the station area planning work prior to Final Design associated with future stations, in order that station area planning can help inform this process; and

WHEREAS, station area planning will be started in the summer of 2009 for the future Hamline, Victoria, and Western stations; and

moved by Barrera
seconded by Ward
in favor Unanimous
against _____

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission will establish a Central Corridor Station Area Steering Committee to oversee the station area planning process for Hamline, Victoria, and Western, with members appointed by the Planning Commission chair, including a co-chair who is a Planning Commission member; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee will be representative of the affected areas in terms of geography, constituencies, and areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Steering Committee will be to oversee the process, and to ensure consistency in approach between station areas and policy consistency with the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*, the seven adopted *Station Area Plans*, and other chapters of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the bulk of the work to develop the station area plans will be done through an open public process using a combination of focus groups; public roundtables; design workshops or charrettes; and open houses; and

WHEREAS, the intent is to develop station area plans that will be adopted as part of the Comprehensive Plan as addenda to the *Central Corridor Development Strategy*; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is authorized under Minnesota Statutes Section 462.355(2) and Chapter 107 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code to recommend to the Mayor and City Council amendments to the Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul Planning Commission initiates the Central Corridor station area planning process and authorizes establishment of a community-based steering committee to oversee that process.